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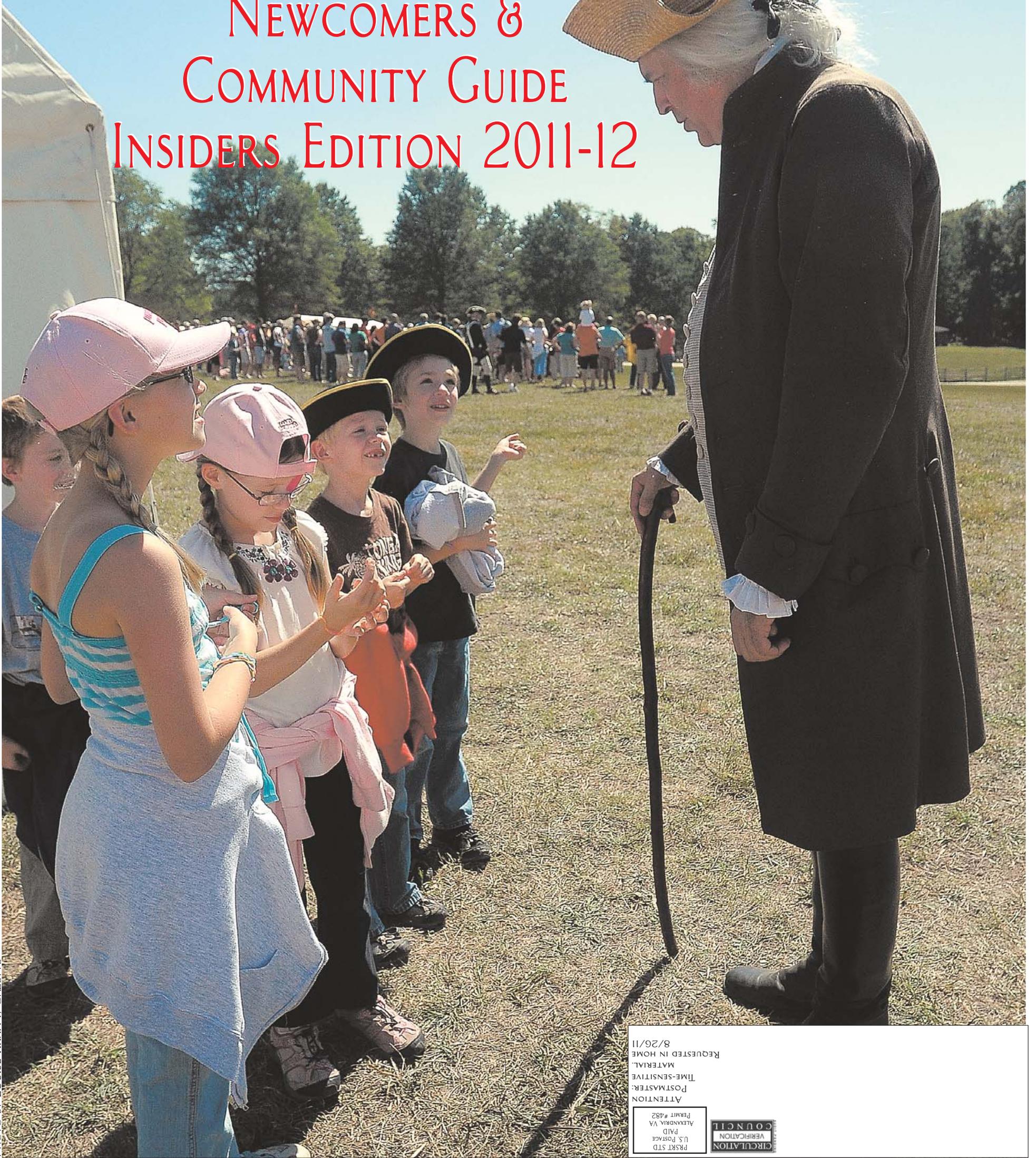


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# MT. VERNON INSIDER

## What's Ahead in Mount Vernon

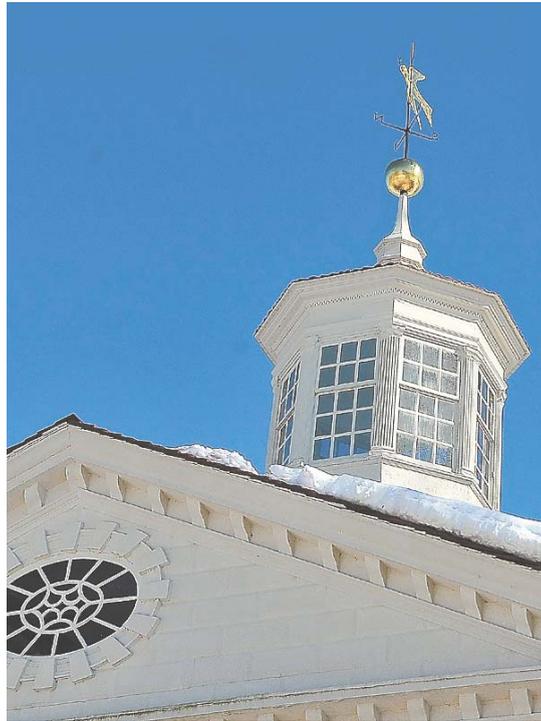
Transportation and development are major overarching issues in the coming year.

BY GERALD A. FILL  
THE GAZETTE

The Department of Defense (DOD), following the 2005 decision by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC), has built a billion dollar 1.2 million square foot Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, four times the size of the current DeWitt Army hospital (and projected to receive 572,000 patients and visitors annually), and added twice the number of hospital medical staff (3,000) to the new hospital.

This alone would have the effect of being a transformational transportation infrastructure issue on the Route 1 Corridor for the Mount Vernon Community. However, in addition to the new hospital and other medical facilities such as a wounded warriors rehabilitation unit, child care center, the DOD is transferring other military-related functions to Fort Belvoir. These actions will result in thousands of new military and civilian personnel commuting by bus and car on a daily basis to the military installation. The new hospital will treat combat-wounded soldiers, active duty military, and retired veterans who live in the DOD's designated geographical medical treatment jurisdiction for the Belvoir hospital.

The BRAC decision is problematic for the Mount Vernon area in the near term. A lot depends on the response by elected and appointed governmental leaders at all levels to find the money needed to support the new medical and military functions. Positive, because it will stimulate the housing, commercial, employment, and expanded access to medical care for the region's military. Negative in the near term because neither the federal government which



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George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate.

decided to move functions to Fort Belvoir, nor the Virginia Department of Transportation which is responsible for transportation in the Commonwealth, has adequately planned for or funded the preliminary land use and environmental impact studies or the financing of primary and secondary roads and mass transit designs in a timely way.

Further compounding the problem is Fairfax County has limited ability to raise and channel transportation funding to the Route 1 Corridor. For the coming year the county, state and federal governments will be scrambling to catch up to the planning and financial needs required for a major transportation upgrade to prevent traffic gridlock and provide a means for people to get to and from work.

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Canadian geese fly through the field at River Farm.

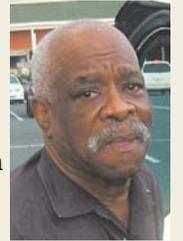
### VIEWPOINTS

## What do you like about Mount Vernon?

BY ORRIN KONHEIM



"Public transportation"  
— **Nola Lane, Fort Belvoir**



"It's a quiet community I enjoy and I got to know all my neighbors"  
— **Joe Taylor, Sequoyah**



"I love our neighbors"  
— **Lynn Anderson, Woodmill Estates**



"The best thing about it is the diversity of the community because it allows people to meet with different backgrounds and learn about their culture and identify with people like myself."

— **Wilson Osorio, Mount Vernon**



"I like this area because of the convenience of it. I could go to my house and it's its own little place. It's in its own neighborhood and away from people which is nice but then as soon as I get from Route 1, it has all these restaurants and places to shop."

— **Jacinda Romero, Mount Vernon**



"I don't know it's home" — Brittany  
"I've been here 23 years, it's the only place I know— Kyler"  
— **Brittany and Pablo Michuca and their son, Kyler, Mount Vernon**



"The historic background. It just makes it a little more gracious."  
— **Kristina Ratches**



"You have to know Hollin Hall and Belleview. There's a lot of independently owned businesses. There are all these gems. You've got Chinese Food and Italian restaurants."

— **Andrea Coyle, Mount Vernon**



"It's a small-town feel. Everyone knows everybody within a 10-mile radius."  
"Public Transportation"  
— **Rachel Curzon**

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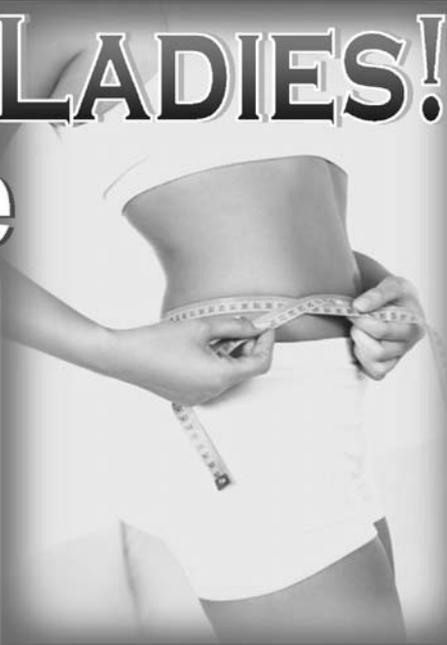
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Inova Mount Vernon Hospital

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Inova Mount Vernon Hospital is a 237-bed, full-service, not-for-profit hospital serving the historic Mount Vernon community and southeastern Fairfax County. Specialized services and programs,

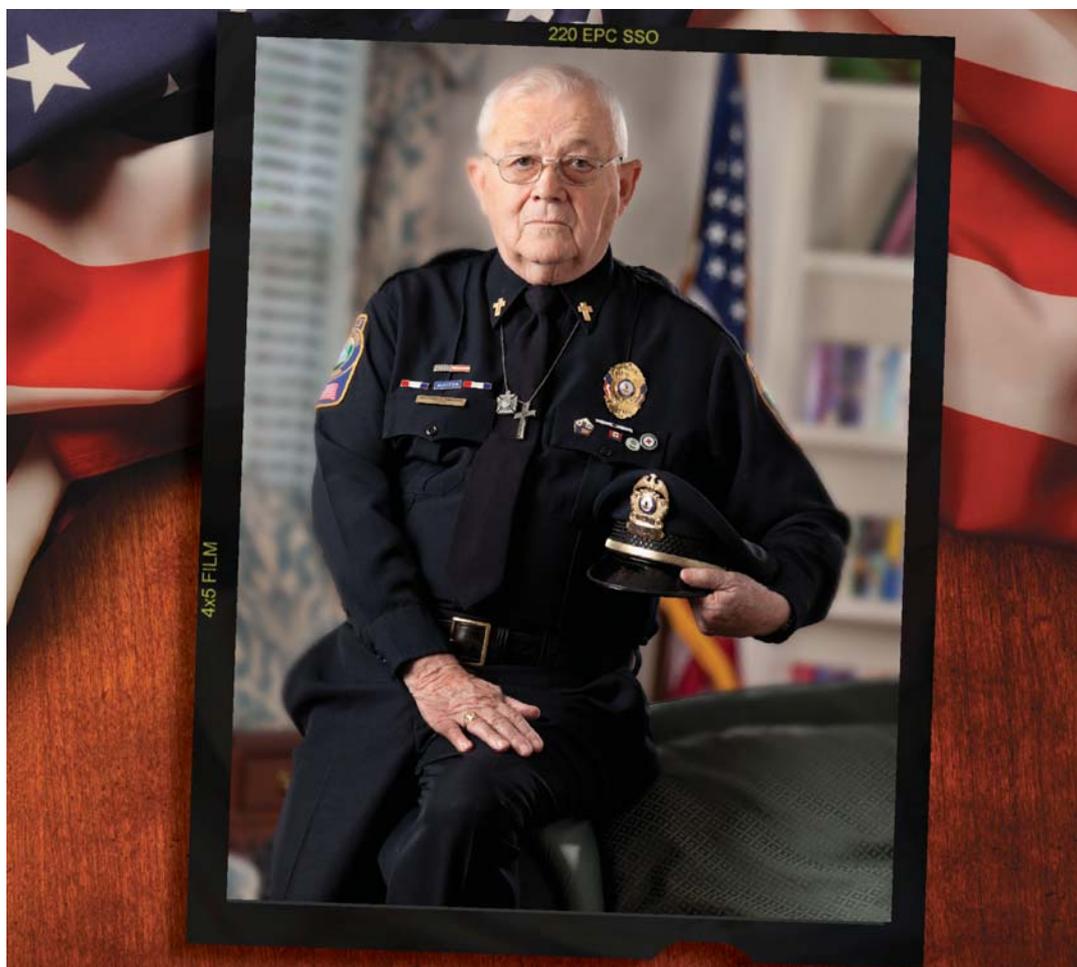
which are consistently ranked among the nations best by accreditation agencies and others, include a wide range of medical, surgical, critical, psychiatric and emergency care.

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### Census Data

#### 2010 CENSUS DATA FOR MOUNT VERNON

Total population .....	12,416
Median age .....	42.9
Male .....	49.5%
Female .....	50.5%
<b>Race:</b>	
White .....	71.5%
Black or African American .....	12.8%
American Indian or Alaskan Native .....	0.4%
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## International Day Benefits Nonprofits

### Good Shepherd Catholic Church hosts annual event.

BY GALE CURCIO  
THE GAZETTE

**M**ark the calendar for this year's annual International Festival at Good Shepherd Catholic Church. The annual event has something for everybody.

Celebrate with more than 4,000 attendees during Good Shepherd's 36th annual International Festival on Monday, Sept. 5. This is a day of singing, dancing, eating, and shopping while at the same time, helping people in need.

This multicultural festival features ethnic foods and drinks, live entertainment, children's games, White Elephant (an indoor yard sale), Artisan Row, Bingo, and a raffle with a grand prize of \$10,000 cash. The White Elephant offers an early bird sale at 11 a.m. The festival starts promptly at noon and continues through 6 p.m.

Lovers of ethnic foods will have a hard time choosing among the selection of offerings from the Hispanic, German, Chinese, Korean, Italian and USA booths. Adults can wet their whistle at the Irish Pub and then enjoy some fried dough or a sweet from

#### INSIDERS PERSPECTIVE

### Don't Miss

If I were to tell my new neighbors in Mount Vernon about the one community event that they needed to hit, I would identify that they should attend the International Festival at Good Shepherd Catholic Church (8710 Mount Vernon Highway). The event is likely to be the largest annual family event in the area. It features a flea market, food, games, music, and fellowship. It is always on Labor Day, a strictly non-partisan affair, and an opportunity to raise funds for many worthy causes as all profits go to charity.

I learned about the Festival before I was a parishioner; I now have been a parishioner for 24 years. Many of us in the Mount Vernon area look forward to it as the end of our summers.

Patrick Rhoads

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PHOTO BY ALAN PROCHOROFF

### Kim Riley and Claudia Evans coordinate the food booths.

Rose's Bakery.

People who are feeling lucky can take a chance on the raffle or at the Bingo booth.

The White Elephant sale is one of the largest around. People start lining up early and pay \$10 for a chance to get in an hour early before general admission. Dozens of tables with all kinds of treasures wait for bargain hunters.

For the first time, the festival will feature Artisan Row, an inaugural art show with local artisans. Featured artists include: Seahorse Designs, Mixed Media Artist and Parishioner, JJ Hogan; Buckingham Style Jewelry, Beth Bottcher; Rapt Elegance Jewelry, Susan Lindsey; Gourd Artist, Percy Medina; Mixed Media Artist, Sonja VandenBerghe, and Salli Biondi Original Water Colors.

A Multicultural Mass to celebrate International Festival will be held on Sunday, Sept 4 at noon.

A second entertainment stage will allow more live music. See below for schedule:

- ❖ 12 p.m. International Festival kickoff
- ❖ 12:15 to 1 p.m. Mount Vernon Community German Band "Volksmusikanten"
- ❖ 1:15 to 2:30 p.m. Kumbia Power, Hispanic Band
- ❖ 2:30 to 3 p.m. Sabor Folklorico Saledoreno, Hispanic Dance Troupe
- ❖ 3 to 4 p.m. Black Moon Tonic, local American Rock Band
- ❖ 4 to 4:30 p.m. Traditional Korean Dance Troupe
- ❖ 4:30 to 6 p.m. Pablo Antonio y La Firma, Hispanic Rock Band

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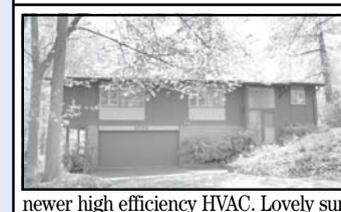
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# The Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve: An Injured Jewel

BY GLENDA C. BOOTH  
PRESIDENT, FRIENDS OF DYKE MARSH

**N**orthern Virginians have a “front row” seat for one of nature’s amazing wonders — the annual fall bird migration, now underway — by visiting the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve on the Potomac River in northern Mount Vernon.

Dyke Marsh, a rare freshwater wetland, is a rich “biological supermarket.” Dr. Kirk Havens, Virginia Institute for Marine Science, says about wetlands, “In an area roughly the size of an average desk top, there can be as many as 8,300 animals.”

Chris Hobson, a zoologist with Virginia’s Department of Conservation and Recreation, recently observed, “There’s a whole lot of reproduction going on out here,” as he watched a frenzy of dragonflies and damselflies shimmering, flitting and mating in the marsh. Eastern screech owls bred and raised their young for the first time in Dyke Marsh this spring and many wetland plants are at their height this time of year. The Alexandria Gazette once called it “a grand, wild place.”

Congress added the 485-acre preserve to the national park system in 1959 “so that fish and wildlife development and their preservation as wetland wildlife habitat shall be paramount.” Today, Dyke Marsh has 300 known species of plants, 6,000 arthropods, 38 fish, 16 reptiles, 14 amphibians and over 230 birds. Georgetown University entomologist Dr. Edd Barrows says that counting bacteria, there may be 18,000 organisms in Dyke Marsh.

Nineteenth century Virginians called Dyke Marsh “Hell Hole Swamp.” Fortunately today, most realize that wetlands are not “hell holes” or dumping grounds, but valuable natural resources and outdoor laboratories that provide ecological services: flood control, water quality enhancement, habitat,



## Dyke Marsh

fish nursery, wave attenuation, shoreline stabilization and aesthetic enjoyment, for example.

Dyke Marsh has endured 50 years of excavation, dumping, filling, invasive species, poaching, hunting, river traffic, runoff, pollution, noise, off-leash dogs, trash and erosion. Sand and gravel mining gouged out and undermined critical areas. Commendably, the National Park Service is preparing restoration plans. A restored Dyke Marsh can strengthen ecological services, enhance

## Forthcoming Events:

- Aug. 27,** Plant Walk, Dr. Elizabeth Wells
- Sept. 14,** “Bee Aware, the Importance of Bees in Our Environment,” Alfonso Abugattas
- Sept. 17,** Cleanup
- Oct. 3** (tentative date), PBS Program on Dyke Marsh, Channel WHUT
- Nov. 16,** Dyke Marsh Restoration, USGS Scientists
- Every Sunday,** 8 a.m., Bird Walks

the historic landscape for the George Washington Memorial Parkway and offer more opportunities for scientific research, public education and enjoyment.

National audiences will be introduced to the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve when a new Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) program airs this fall, part of a new series titled “This American Land.” Producer Marsha Walton calls Dyke Marsh a “hidden little jewel in a big urban area.” Locally, the broadcast is tentatively planned for Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m., on Channel WHUT.

Dedicated NPS employees and the Friends of Dyke Marsh welcome volunteers and supporters to help protect and enhance this rare wetland. Visit [www.fodm.org](http://www.fodm.org) to learn more.

## It Takes a Village To Feed the Hungry

### Join fellow ‘villagers’ to stock UCM Food Pantry.

**E**very Wednesday, a couple of members from Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club head over to the Mount Vernon Farmer’s Market. They are not shopping for themselves, but rather to pick up the leftover produce that the farmers donate to United Community Ministries (UCM).

Rich Keil coordinates the effort and

said, “We do it just to help those less fortunate in the community. Kiwanis is simply about helping others; we try to do our part.”

Keil said that they get anywhere from 10 to 24 boxes of produce — whatever leftovers they have that people can use.

The Kiwanis also holds several food drives at the Hollin Hall Safeway. Keil estimates that they collect between 1,000 and 1,500 pounds of food and \$200-\$300 in cash donations.

Once a month, Marvin Spychaj spends time organizing the food drive at St. Louis Catholic Church. They collect over a thousand pounds to benefit UCM.

Over at Good Shepherd Catholic Church,

Katie Esser does the same thing collecting food from their parishioners on a monthly basis.

Mike Damitz recently retired from Exxon Mobil and makes a couple trips a month to the national food bank to pick up food for UCM. He also delivers food to people who are unable to get to UCM due to physical limitations.

Barbara Selzer regularly donates food every month and Norma Brodsky donates food and personal care items at least once a month.

These are just a few of the people who help keep the shelves stocked at UCM.

However, more is needed. UCM’s food

pantry depends on community donations and its shelves are becoming increasingly bare this summer.

Especially needed are canned meat and fish; also helpful are canned soups, fruits and vegetables.

For families who are struggling, households need more food because children do not receive free or reduced meals each day at school.

Food donations are accepted at UCM’s main office, located at 7511 Fordson Road. UCM’s food pantry accepts food donations Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and the first Sunday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## NEWS

### Life Goes On After Earthquake

BY GALE CURCIO  
THE GAZETTE

Not being familiar with the sensation, people in Mount Vernon attributed yesterday's rumbling to overhead planes, loud trucks, bombs, explosions of some sort — and even an out of balance washing machine.

The news came fast and furious so it wasn't long before everybody realized that they experienced their first (for many) earthquake.

At Yvonne's Day Spa, bottles of nail polish rattled off the shelf, and a woman who was in the middle of a pedicure, raced out the door to check on her children at home. She returned shortly to finish her pedicure.

Another woman came in to use the tanning bed. She had just been at Target and said that things were falling off the shelves.

Sue Dickerson, Coldwell Banker Realtor, was at CVS and said that the shelves were rattling there as well. She said that the cashier ran from the front of the store, yelling at customers to get away from the glass windows.

Sam Nasafi, manager of Mount Vernon Antique Center, was pleasantly surprised when he opened up on Wednesday morning to find that there was only minimal damage. The store is closed on Tuesdays so he wasn't there during the earthquake. "Just a few things fell off some of the dealer's showcases, but nothing major," said Nasafi.

Postings on Facebook came fast and furious. Jody Boudreaux said, "OK, we all survived the earthquake but freaky things happened as a result of the tremors. My wireless router no longer works and a friend's prescription pills disintegrated. Normal or what?"

Karen Witt said, "I was at Union Station having lunch when the earthquake hit. People stampeded out after some bits of the ceiling fell. Purses, shoes, phones and lunches left behind! Our building and most others were evacuated and closed for the day. Downtown was gridlocked for 3 hours afterwards. Luckily I had my cross stitch with me and sat under a tree and finished my sheep."

Leslie Rutledge's Post quake assessment of Rutledge Manor: "No damage but every picture in the joint is crooked. Looks like they were hung by a drunken person."

Paul Krizek was working the polls for the primary at Fort Hunt Elementary School and said that some valuable items had fallen off the shelves at his Hollin Hills house and had broken.



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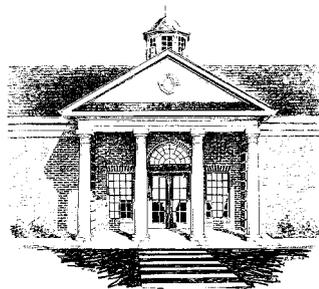
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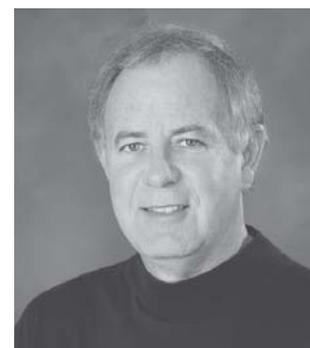
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# Changes Ahead for BRAC Connector Routes

## Bus changes to help address BRAC effect on traffic.

BY NICHOLAS M. HORROCK  
THE GAZETTE

**T**he Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recently approved a \$4,150,609 South County Service plan for Connector Buses that is designed to assist the 11,900 new workers transferring to Fairfax County as part of the Army's Base Realignment and Closure operations.

The new routes will go into effect on Sept. 3, according to Rollo Axton, chief Transit Services Division of the Fairfax County Department of Transportation. Under questioning by Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon), Axton said that FCDOT had been coordinating closely with military authorities at Fort Belvoir.

The 2005 BRAC will nearly double Fort Belvoir's employment by transferring 19,300 workers to its campuses, 11,900 of which will work in Fairfax County.

Some 8,500 workers are already transferring to the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency and another 3,400 will be at the main post at Fort Belvoir by late September.

"The service area for this corridor runs roughly parallel to I-95 south of the Capital Beltway through the communities of Springfield, Newington and Lorton," FCDOT reported to the board.

"Six connector routes currently operate in this area either along I-95 or a parallel road including Backlick, Loisdale and Lorton Roads. This area is expected to experience explosive growth as planned residential developments come on line in Lorton and Department of Defense plans to expand two military installations when they are completed in late 2011. Traffic congestion on I-95 and parallel to Route 95 is at an all time high and is expected to get worse with this shift in personnel."

Beginning last June, FCDOT conducted three public meetings to gather views on the proposed service plan. FCDOT also sought comments through a website, e-mail and from the BRAC partners.

Axton said the plan as submitted to the board incorporates comments received during the planning.

FCDOT issued the following material on the changes:

This is to notify the board that the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) intends to make several schedule and/or routing changes to Fairfax Connector routes as outlined below:

❖ **Route 159** (Lee, Mount Vernon District): Revised weekday peak-direction schedule on existing Route 159 from local service to limited-stop service. Route 159 provides peak-direction service from the Engleside and Sequoyah neighborhoods to the Huntington Metrorail Station via Richmond Highway. Revised schedule would provide local service to all bus stops in the Engleside and Sequoyah neighborhoods and would service only Richmond Highway Express (REX) stops along Richmond Highway, providing a faster connection to Metrorail. Frequent local service along Richmond Highway would be maintained via enhanced Route 171 service

❖ **Route 171** (Lee, Mount Vernon Districts): Modified the existing routing and revised the schedule accordingly. Revised routing begins at the Huntington Metrorail Station and travels along Richmond Hwy, Fort Belvoir at DLA, Telegraph Road, Pohick Road and Lorton Station Boulevard to the

southern terminal at the Lorton VRE. The weekday schedule has been adjusted improving service to 20 minute headways in the peak period and 30 minute headways during the midday, evening and on weekends. Route 171 provides a connection between Fort Belvoir at DLA and the Lorton VRE terminal. Service is complimented by Route 371 Lorton VRE to Franconia - Springfield Metro Rail Station.

❖ **Route 305** (Lee, Mount Vernon and Springfield District): Modified the existing routing to provide bi-directional service to the Newington Forest, Silverbrook, Laurel Hill and Lorton communities and Lorton VRE during weekday peak periods. The proposed route is the combination of existing routes 305 and 307 and will provide Newington Forest, Silverbrook and Laurel Hill riders with direct service to Metrorail at Franconia-Springfield Station on the north end of the route or VRE at Lorton Station to the south. The proposed route will also continue to serve the Gambrill and Sydenstricker Park & Ride Lots in the peak direction.

❖ **Route 310** (Lee, Springfield Districts): Revised the schedule to increase service to

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# Celebrating for a Day, Helping for a Year

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❖ 6 p.m. \$10,000 cash Grand Prize Drawing.

The proceeds of the festival benefit the Shepherd's Gate grant program which last year distributed \$42,500 to non-profit organizations that protect the battered, feed the hungry, house the homeless, and assist the poor and disenfranchised.

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**Bob and Elizabeth Schwenk are long-time volunteers and man the Irish Pub.**

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# Re-Arranging Bus Routes

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20 minute headways in the peak period and 30 minute headways in the base period. There are no changes being proposed to the routing.

❖ **Route 333/334** (Lee, Mount Vernon Districts): Modified exiting routes 331 and 332 to shift service to the south of Downtown Springfield in order to facilitate better connections between various large employment sites, neighborhoods and the Franconia-Springfield Metrorail Station. The proposed routes provide circulator service to the Loisdale Road, Newington, Gateway 95, Fort Belvoir-DLA and Boston Boulevard areas on weekdays only. New routes 333 and 334 are based off of restructured routes 331 and 332 service; route numbers 331 and 332 will be eliminated with this change. Coverage to the downtown Springfield area will be provided via routes 310, 401 and 402.

❖ **Route 371** (Lee, Springfield Districts): New route 371 is proposed to provide bi-directional service between Patriot Ridge, Fullerton Road, Saratoga Center, Lorton VRE, Laurel Hill, Lorton and the Franconia-Springfield Metrorail Station. Route 371 is proposed to serve as the western component

of the proposed route 171 route, providing complementary service to the Interstate 95 corridor and providing direct service between Lorton and the Metrorail system. Route 371 would connect with proposed route 171 at the Lorton VRE station and the routes would be timed together as much as possible to facilitate transfer activity.

❖ **Route 395** (Lee, Springfield Districts): Route 395 is the permanent route number for the existing route 380D. No changes are being proposed to routing or schedule. Route 395 will continue to provide peak direction service between the Pentagon Transit Station and the Gambrill Road and Backlick North Park and Ride Lots via the I-95/395 Shirley Highway HOV lanes.

❖ **Route 335** (Lee, Mount Vernon Districts): New route 335 is proposed as bi-directional direct service from Franconia – Springfield Metro Station to the new hospital on Fort Belvoir via Beulah Street, Telegraph Gate, John J. Kingman Road, Gunston Road, 12 Street and Belvoir Road. This route will provide an efficient option for travel between Fort Belvoir Main Post and Franconia-Springfield Metro Station and VRE to help accommodate the influx of new personnel moving to the main post due to the BRAC action.

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### LETTER

## Unacceptable Redistricting

To the Editor:

When I think of what should be the priorities of an elected politician, the first should be representing the interests of constituents and the last should be actions intended to perpetuate the politician's tenure in office. With these thoughts in mind, I was taken aback by a comment made by Del. Scott Surovell in his letter to the editor published in last week's Gazette. In endorsing a candidate for the 30th District Senate seat, Delegate Surovell said: "The district was drawn to be overwhelmingly Democratic so this primary is very important in terms of who will be representing this area for the next decade." The matter-of-fact way Delegate Surovell described the intentional gerrymandering on the part of politicians in Richmond to ensure a Democrat is elected senator in the 30th district is a sad commentary on our political process. Apparently, the appropriate priorities for our politicians are reversed.

A look at the 30th District Senatorial map reveals that the sausage-making by our elected officials has essentially disenfranchised those of us who live at the southern end of the district, regardless of our political persuasion. Why? The district extends from the 14th Street Bridge in Arlington County, through much of Old Town Alexandria and thence along a narrow strip along the Potomac River through Fairfax County to

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STATE SENATOR (D-36)

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# LETTERS

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Pohick Bay. The District is so top-heavy with extremely Democrat-leaning Arlington and Alexandria (fulfilling the goal identified by Delegate Surovell) that it appears if every Fairfax County resident in the new 30th District voted for the Republican candidate, the Democrat would still win by a comfortable margin.

How does a state senator adequately represent the disparate interests of constituents residing in three separate jurisdictions and separated by such great distances? With great difficulty if at all. My former Senator Linda "Toddy" Puller now administers a narrow district extending from the Beltway practically to Fredericksburg. Without regard to political survival, in my view, districts should be drawn to be as square in shape as possible and to have some cohesiveness concerning the interests and community of residence of voters. Survival of a politician's career in office should be forbidden from being a factor under consideration. Quoting an editorial in last Sunday's Washington Post, "About a dozen states have established nonpartisan or bipartisan commissions to

draw electoral maps and studies suggest that elections have become more competitive in those states." Virginia established just such a commission but the trouble is that its findings were not binding on the legislature.

My criticism is not limited to Delegate Surovell. It extends to office-holders from both the Democratic and Republican parties. Members of both parties participated in the redistricting that we will have to live with for the next decade. If voters disagree with the way our Commonwealth was divvied up by our politicians in an effort to perpetuate their political existences, the way to let them know is to attend their debates and ask them to justify this travesty, then vote them all out of office. Candidates including incumbents should be asked if they favor a nonpartisan binding commission such as described above, and those who don't should be kicked to the curb in November. I wish Gazette readers who agree with me would write their own letters to the editor to send the message to our politicians that the way they redistricted our Commonwealth is just unacceptable.

**H. Jay Spiegel**  
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He was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pa. where he attended Germantown High School and Temple University where he received a degree in business administration. He later attended the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. followed by his attendance at George Washington University where he obtained a master's degree in international relations. He proudly served as an active duty officer in the United States Navy as a helicopter pilot and commanding officer of HS-7. His last duty station was at the Pentagon where he worked in research and development on the V-22 Osprey. He retired as a captain after 32 years of service. After retirement,



he went on to work as a defense contractor with Technology Applications, Inc. and retired after 10 years.

He was married to his high school sweetheart Claire Liebl Braun for 55 years. He is survived by his lovely wife, Claire, and five children (Lisa Mino of Bucks County, Pa.; Judy Albano of Alexandria, Va.; Peter J. Braun, Jr. of Alexandria, Va.; Christine Braun of Park City, Utah, and Rebecca Belice of San Diego, Calif.); 12 grandchildren (Melissa, Christina, Matthew,

Joseph, Samuel, Bailey, Peter Joseph, III, Claire, Symon, Skylar, Aidan, and Asa); two sisters (Irene of Philadelphia, Pa. and Dorothy of Pinehurst, N.C.) as well as numerous nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Peter enjoyed traveling, boating and spending his summers at the Jersey Shore (Sea Isle City, N.J.) spending time with his large, close-knit extended family. He was a member of Good Shepherd Catholic Church and a member of the Old Dominion Boat Club. His exemplary life stands as a testament of faith, hope, courage, and service to his family, country and God.

The viewing service will be held Friday, Aug. 26, 2011, from 6-8 p.m. at Demaine Funeral Home, 520 S. Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. The Mass Service will be held Saturday, Aug. 27, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. at Good Shepherd Church, 8710 Mt. Vernon Hwy., Alexandria, VA 22309. Reception to follow.

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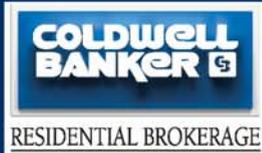
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### Kingstowne \$475,000

**7725 Sullivan Circle, Alexandria, VA 22315**  
Luxury in Island Creek. This beautiful three level end unit townhouse provides the comfort and convenience you have been searching for. Bright, open floor plan - perfect for entertaining and everyday living. 4 bedroom 3 bath, private yard backs to woods.



**Karen Leonard**  
703-328-7041



### Collingwood Estates \$579,900

**1121 Anesbury Lane, Alexandria, VA 22308**  
Very large four bedroom, three bath two level rambler in Waynewood School District. New roof, some newer windows and HVAC, upgraded insulation, hardwoods, den, deck, gazebo.



**Ed Pagett 571-237-4753**



### Sulgrave Manor \$434,900

**4216 Adrienne Drive, Alexandria, VA 22309**  
First Offering. So Much House; So Little Money. 4BR, 2.5BA, 2 LVL rambler w/2 car garage on wooded private lot backing to parkland. New HVAC, floors, paint, garage door. Screened porch. Minutes to Ft. Belvoir and Mt. Vernon. Priced to sell!



**Ed Pagett 571-237-4753**



### Malvern Hill \$879,000

**501 Canterbury Lane, Alexandria, VA 22314**  
Spacious home in the City of Alexandria. Outdoor living on the screened porch or open porch w/ pergola. Beautiful street located just off Quaker Lane for a dream commute to D.C. 4BR/3.5BA/1CG. 3 levels. AX7558245 See photos at [www.RitaMcR.com](http://www.RitaMcR.com).



**Rita McCauley-Redmond**  
703-447-9114



### Wellington \$725,000

**1117 Woodcliff Drive, Alexandria, VA 22308**  
**Price Reduced!** One level living! Hardwood floors, plantation shutters, renovated eat-in kitchen w/ stainless steel appliances, granite countertops. Fam rm and study off kitchen. 3 large bedrooms + office/den, large patio and great deck! [www.PhyllisPatterson.com](http://www.PhyllisPatterson.com).



**Phyllis Patterson 703-518-6158**



### Del Ray/Rosemont \$1,125,000

**1600 Hancock Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22305**  
**Price Reduced!** Turn key! Welcoming wrap porch and open floor plan. Large chefs kitchen w/ bar, great deck & patio. Lower level play room w builtins and laundry room. Luxury master suite with custom closets plus 4 real bedrooms and finished loft. [www.PhyllisPatterson.com](http://www.PhyllisPatterson.com).



**Phyllis Patterson 703-518-6158**

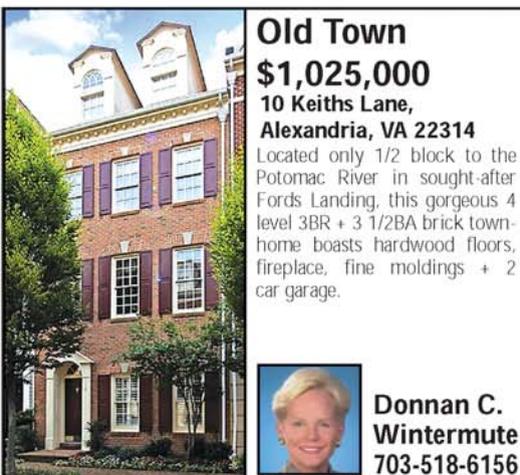


### George Washington Park \$669,000

**702 Braxton Place, Alexandria, VA 22301**  
Delightful 4 bedroom 2 bath cape cod home in move in condition. Fenced yard, off street parking, finished lower level. Walk to King Street metro. [www.sherryyork.com](http://www.sherryyork.com).



**Sherry York 703-625-3377**



### Old Town \$1,025,000

**10 Keiths Lane, Alexandria, VA 22314**  
Located only 1/2 block to the Potomac River in sought-after Fords Landing, this gorgeous 4 level 3BR + 3 1/2BA brick townhome boasts hardwood floors, fireplace, fine moldings + 2 car garage.



**Donnan C. Wintermute**  
703-518-6156



### Old Town \$995,000

**1250 S. Washington St, #805, Alexandria, VA 22314**  
Just reduced for a speedy sale, this lovely 3BR + 4 full bath luxury condo offers breathtaking views of the Potomac River from every room. Swimming pool, tennis, gym, kayak pier, limo service + 24 hour security.



**Donnan C. Wintermute**  
703-518-6156



### Huntington \$169,000

**2059 Huntington Ave, #303, Alexandria, VA 22303**  
Hunting Creek Club Condo. One bedroom, one bath with two large walk-in closets. Large living room, open dining room, balcony & good sized kitchen. Located just blocks from Huntington Metro Station. Pool, sauna, tennis & 24 hr. desk security.



**Terry Ann Stevens**  
757-647-4705



### Montebello \$389,900

**5904 Mount Eagle Dr, #1118 Alexandria, VA 22303**  
Beautifully refreshed 3 bedroom 2 bath condo in coveted Montebello Condo Complex. Views galore from the 11th floor! Sunny exposure with gleaming hardwood floors. Metro access, close to Old Town, Ft Belvoir and DC.



**Eileen Marousek**  
703-507-3250



### Historic Old Town \$2,095,000

**608 Oronoco Street, Alexandria, VA 22314**  
Located across from Lee's boyhood home, rare find exquisite 3,000+sqft, 4 BR, 4.5 BA. Landscaped backyard retreat, garage and 4-car parking. Spectacular addition, kitchen renovation & Master bedroom suite. [UphamRealEstate.com](http://UphamRealEstate.com).



**Chris Upham 202-359-1308**

703-518-8300 • 310 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314



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## OLD TOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT OFFICE



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**1907 Rampart Dr**  
\$599,000  
*Stunning Addition!*  
MOTIVATED SELLER!  
One of the most truly  
spectacular properties in  
Ft. Hunt area!  
Exceptionally bright,  
open floor plan. Back of  
home was expanded

resulting in breathtaking, glass walled, open kitchen/family room and main level master suite. Fabulous features include: updated gourmet kitchen with granite and custom cabinets. Expansive deck! Great location!



**4503 Ferry Landing Rd**  
\$585,000  
*One Level Luxury!*  
Rare opportunity-  
Spacious one lv home in  
premier Yacht Haven  
location! This home has  
been updated & offers  
many features: open

floor plan, updated kit and baths, stunning MBR suite w/cath. ceiling and luxury bath, sunroom and 2 car gar. Looking to eliminate stairs & not sacrifice size and amenities-this is it! OPEN SUN 8/18, 1-4. GW Pky S; Past Estate; L-Ferry Landing Rd.



**5421 Grist Mill Woods Way**  
\$825,000  
*Modern Home-Magnificent Setting!*  
Large colonial with bright,  
open floor plan in prime  
location on 1/2 acre lot  
backing to gorgeous parkland.  
Fabulous home with all the

bells and whistles including: high ceilings, dramatic two story foyer, gourmet kitchen, first floor study, large family room, sumptuous master suite, full walk-out lower level and two car garage. Amazingly beautiful, private setting. OPEN SUN 8/21, 1-4. GW Pky S, Past Estate; R-Grist Mill Woods Way.



**OPEN SATURDAY 1-4**  
\$327,500  
**Fairlington**  
4621 S 31st ST

Lovely 2BR/1BA with loft and balcony. Sunny and bright, tree views from all windows, nobody above you! Priced to sell!

Gary Ansley 202.288.7946



\$479,900  
**Rose Hill**  
"HISTORIC REID HOUSE"

Renovation/addition designed by late architect Charles Goodman. Truly unique 6BR/3BA farm house on .84 ac believed to be built circa 1860's. New roof & rear gutter, replacement windows, zoned hot water heat. Entry/Loggia w/floor-ceiling windows & Pecky Cypress, 31x19 great rm w/cathedral ceilings & FP.

Brad Kintz 703.519.6644



**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4**  
\$349,500  
**Memorial Heights**  
"2616 E MAPLE ST"

Fantastic Sears bungalow full of charm. Highlights inc: front porch, stunning wood flrs, 2 nice sized bedrooms, fully equipped kit w/gas, bonus sunroom/den/office & full attic/bmt for storage. Deck for al fresco dining & large lot for gardening. DIR: from Old Town. Rte 1 S, L on Memorial, L on E Maple to house on Left.

Bette Gorman, CRS 703.585.2235  
Betsy Gorman 703.861.4825



**3718 Carriage House Ct**  
\$719,000  
*Riverwood Opportunity!*  
Spacious 5 bedroom home  
on quiet cul-de-sac in  
prestigious waterfront  
community. Fabulous home  
features, updated kitchen,  
baths and gorgeous

hardwood floors. Bright open floor plan with open kitchen-family room. Private fenced rear yard. Community river access. Great Value!



**8313 Mount Vernon Hwy**  
\$749,000  
*New Home-Resale Price!*  
Brand new home  
opportunity in prime Mt.  
Vernon location by  
Wakefield Homes. Custom  
building with many modern  
amenities and upgrades.

Features include: expanded master bedroom suite, front porch, gourmet kitchen, high ceilings, 2 car garage. Pre-construction sales price provides unique opportunity to purchase brand new home for the same price as a 40 year old resale! Model available to walk through by appointment.



**9307 Mount Vernon Cir**  
\$779,500  
*Prestigious Mt. Vernon on the Potomac!*  
Best price in years for a home  
in area's premier waterfront  
community. Classic center  
hall colonial in pristine  
condition on gorgeous 1/2 acre plus lot fronting quiet cul-de-sac.

Numerous features: 3 finished levels, four spacious bedrooms, bright updated kitchen, first floor family room and oversize 2 car garage. Unique Opportunity!



\$475,000  
**Hollin Hall Village**  
"FANTASTIC"

Super spacious & livable 1 level home w/master suite & family room additions. Special features inc: vaulted ceiling, double vanities & walk-in closet, refreshed hall bath w/ceramic & modern fixtures, kitchen has granite & gas stove, plus new carpet in family room. Waynewood ES pyramid. It's a WOW!

Bette Gorman, CRS 703.585.2235  
Betsy Gorman 703.861.4825



\$389,000  
**Ft Hunt/Bucknell**  
"LOVINGLY UPDATED"

Immaculate & well-maintained 4BR/2BA raised rambler w/full basement in an extremely convenient location. Hardwood flrs thru-out. Many updates over the years by long-time owners. Move-in ready - waiting for your touches.

www.susanmovesyou.com  
Susan Haughton & Mindy Brubaker  
571.242.9913



\$589,000  
**Sherwood Hall**  
"LOVELY SETTING"

Delightful home on desirable cul-de-sac. Highlights: front porch, updated kit, formal LR/DR, walk-out finished basement w/built-ins & new carpet, hdwds on main & upper levels, new A/C & fresh paint. Fenced yard. Side-load garage. As is.

Dayna Blumel / Kerry Adams  
703.587.7841



**1205 Cedar Dale Ln**  
\$1,250,000  
*Pre-Construction Value!*  
Rare new home  
opportunity just off GW  
Parkway! Fabulous price  
on spacious Fairfax model  
by Wakefield Homes, the

area's leading custom builder. Craftman architecture with full front porch to enhance natural beauty of gorgeous 1/2A lot. Home is loaded with upgrades and custom features and located in Waynewood School Dist. Priced thousands below other new homes in area! (Pic is similar home)



**8890 McNair Dr**  
\$739,500  
*Pristine Custom Colonial!*  
Custom colonial in enclave  
of 17 homes on quiet cul-de-  
sac surrounded by  
grounds of Mt Vernon  
Country Club. Many

fabulous features include: large room sizes, stained hardwood floors, updated kit & baths, open kitchen-family room, upgraded trim detail & custom built-ins. Spacious master suite and 2 car gar. Pristine condition on gorgeous professionally landscaped lot.



**4002 Belle Rive Terr.**  
\$879,900  
*Stately Colonial - Near River*  
Classic Brick Colonial,  
custom built in  
prestigious Belle Rive  
neighborhood of many  
\$1,000,000+ properties.  
Truly special home with

many features: elegant trim detail, updated, "state of the art" kitchen, 5BRs & fin LL. Gorgeous setting on 1/2 acre grounds w/ views of river. Uniquely attractive property in premiere location. Priced to make a TRULY GREAT VALUE!



\$414,900  
**Alexandria South**  
"STORAGE"

Reduced 4 quick sale! 4 lv brick atop pretty knoll - fresh paint, private yard w/Koi pond. Wood flrs on 2 lvls. Kit has granite & SS. Rec rm w/raised hearth brick FF. Tons of storage in bsm. Huge enclosed porch. Major systems updated: windows, roof, AC, H2O heater & W/D. Near schools, Metro, shops, EZ access to Old Town / DC.

Mary Siverson 703.209.6918



**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4**  
\$930,000  
**Alexandria South**  
8310 SIMSBURY PL

4BR colonial w/ contemporary flair! New kitchen w/bay window in eating area - library - 1st floor laundry room - hardwood floors on two levels. Deck with gazebo overlooking beautiful landscaped yard. 2 car garage. Close to Ft. Belvoir.

Bev Morrison 703.517.1257



\$675,000  
**Alex / Mt Vernon**  
"EXPANDED HADDON"

A Waynewood delight! Beautiful 5 level home w/family room addition, screened in porch, 4BR / 3FBA, renovated kitchen, great lot, walk to school, pool and park.

www.WaynewoodRealtors.com  
Anita Vida D'Antonio & Elke Kohler  
202.460.1809



**2005 Westfield St**

**SOLD!**

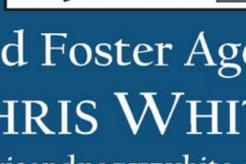


**1906 Joliette Ct**



**1203 Falster Rd**

**SOLD!**



**8320 Felton Ln**



**2205 Basset St**  
\$665,000  
*Total*

**CONTRACT!**

Renovation-Price to Sell! Price slashed for immediate sale! Seller's loss is your gain!



\$815,000  
**Cameron Station**  
"DESIGNER COLORS"

This lovely Stoneyhurst home blends the extraordinary architectural details w/ a contemporary flair. Features inc: 3,100sqft on 4 lvls, 4BRs, 4.5BAs, chef's kit w/ cherry cabs & granite, wood flrs on main levels and a grand owner's suite.

Mike Lekas 703.927.9895



\$509,500  
**Waynewood**  
"ENJOY THE VIEW"

You'll want to relax on the swing in the delightful sunroom & look out on the beautiful backyard. Original owner has lovingly cared for her home. Hardwood floors in 3 bedrooms. 2.5 baths. 24-foot living room features vaulted ceiling, fireplace & sliding glass doors to patio. Carport with storage.

Ruth Guirard 703.609.3343



\$1,149,900  
**Belle Haven**  
"PARKLAND!"

4 finished levels, 2 fireplaces, refinished hardwoods, 5 year old total renovation - new gas furnace, CAC, natural stone baths, kitchen open to family room w/table space, screened porch. Walk out lower level leads to huge brick patio.

Suzanne Backus 703.338.3594



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# Fort Hunt Safeway - In the Heart of Mount Vernon

Newcomers to Mount Vernon need go no farther than the Fort Hunt Safeway. One glance at the bulletin board at Fort Hunt Safeway tells people what is going on in the neighborhood, what's for sale, what's lost — and found, and much more.

When the store was renovated, the bulletin boards were removed. People were so concerned that they asked management to replace at least one of them. Management responded and the bulletin board returned.

This is a microcosm of what Mount Vernon is all about. Somebody found a set of keys and is try-



PHOTO BY CALE CURCIO/THE GAZETTE

The bulletin board at Safeway

ing to return them to their owner. Another person has lost their cat and is hoping that somebody has found him.

The Sewing Lady and a house cleaner are advertising their services.

People use the board to post information about local yard sales and to sell bikes, furniture and other items.

The bulletin board is also the go-to place to post information about local events. Whether it is a local music recital or an art show, this is a great place to showcase events.

Local contractors, such as Veteran Painting, advertise

their services.

A local pre-school is providing information about openings at their school.

Step inside the local Safeway and there will be at least half a dozen faces that one recognizes. It takes one local teacher two hours to finish her shopping because she sees so many students and parents that she knows.

Cashiers and managers know many of the customers by name. The pharmacy staff always has a smile and is quick to pull customers prescriptions.

Mount Vernon may not have a mailing address but it truly is a small town.

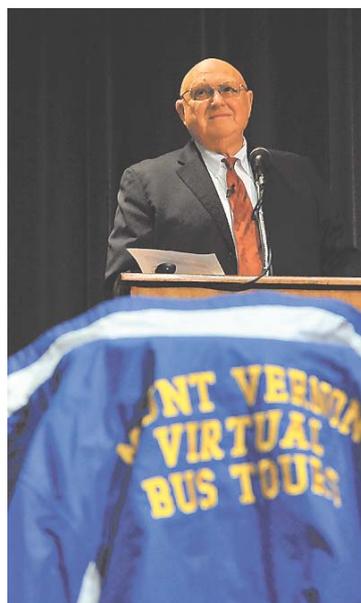
## Major Issues Facing Mount Vernon

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Fairfax County is doing what it can by adding buses, changing bus schedules, and making what limited changes in road capacity it can afford, while participating in the various planning, land use, and environmental studies at all levels that are a necessary requirement before the state and federal government will authorize widening or adding roads, or the eventual installation of mass transit systems.

Some but not all of the required studies have recently been funded. The state's recent approval and funding of the Route 1 Transit Study is the most recent significant action. Thus, eventual completion of a myriad of transportation improvements are several years away. What will the Mount Vernon area commuters do in the interim? That is the fundamental issue on the minds of government leaders at all levels as they take stock of a transportation crisis bearing down on the region.

**AS DIFFICULT** a problem as it is regarding the impact of Fort Belvoir expansion on traffic, there is even more to the Mount Vernon development and transportation story that will challenge elected and appointed government leaders. Specifically, the U.S. Army, separate from the BRAC-related Fort Belvoir expansion, decided that the Belvoir federal property would be a suitable site to house a National Museum of the U.S. Army. Construction of the museum is planned beginning in 2012. Once completed at a site near



Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland brings the annual town meeting to order.

Route 1 and Route 235 on the grounds of Fort Belvoir, tens of thousands of visitors are projected to visit the museum annually beginning in the next several years.

In addition, about a mile away, at the other end of the two-lane Route 235, the Mount Vernon Ladies Association is about to begin constructing a new National Library for the Study of George Washington on the grounds of the Estate. The library will include conference facilities to accommodate visiting scholars, manage a leadership Institute to educate public and private leaders about government and ethics, and to hold conferences. This too will attract many new visitors to the George Washington Estate and

Gardens that already annually welcomes a million visitors.

Lastly, the Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, located a few minutes east of Route 1 in the heart of Mount Vernon, is embarked on a long-anticipated major expansion of its hospital services and facilities (\$43.5 million). This private hospital expansion will trigger the need for additional transportation improvements to accommodate a higher volume of daily patient visits.

Transportation money is urgently needed to improve transportation systems. Complicating the need for the money is the lack of state transportation money, lack of federal money, and the restrictions placed on the county to raise money other than through real estate taxes. Any other alternative would require approval by the General Assembly. The lone exception is the county could go to the voters in a referendum to seek approval to impose a restaurant tax to raise money projected to yield about \$80 million. But use of that money is two years away and it assumes the voters will approve the referendum.

The highlights of other major issues facing the Mount Vernon community follows.

### LAND USE

The absence of a core area or town center that will attract Mount Vernon residents to meet, attend entertainment events, shop, eat and generally spend time connecting and bonding as a community has been raised by community leaders.

The Mount Vernon Supervisor's

Visioning Task Force recommended the creation of a town or civic center as a key element in promoting and sustaining community character and cohesiveness.

### CELL PHONE TECHNOLOGY

Research on advanced cell phone technology using Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) is needed by the county to determine the feasibility of its use in the Mount Vernon community as an alternative to tall communications towers that residents believe adversely impact residential ambiance and the environment.

DAS technology has the potential to solve the not-in-my-backyard (NIMBY) phenomena, avoid adverse environmental impacts, and provide seamless cell phone access in underserved areas in Mount Vernon.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

The Fairfax County Police Department is the largest in Virginia and ranked 33rd in the nation. Despite its strong record of protecting the public over the years recent questionable actions by the Police Department include: reckless endangerment by a police officer in driving a police cruiser in response to an emergency that resulted in a driving fatality; reckless action by at least one officer resulting in the shooting death of an unarmed fugitive who was an alleged petty crime thief; the inability of citizens to access police incident reports; the blanket exemption of the police under the Virginia Freedom of Information

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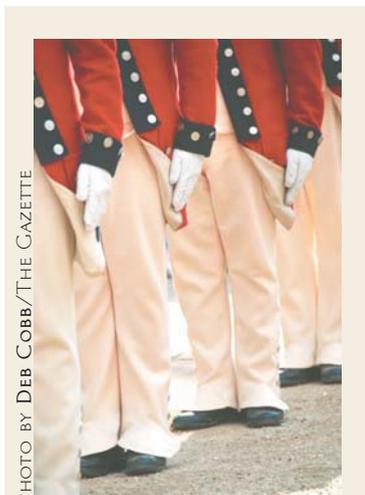


PHOTO BY DEB COBB/THE GAZETTE

The 3rd United States Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Fife and Drum Corps stand at attention during the birthday festivities at George Washington's Mt. Vernon Estate and Gardens.

## Historical Facts

❖ George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate has been preserved by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association. The MVLA is the oldest national historic preservation organization in the country, founded in 1853 by Ann Pamela Cunningham.

❖ George Washington bred hunting dogs. Among them were Sweet Lips, Drunkard, Tartar, Truelove, Juno, Lady and Madam Moose.

❖ George Washington had false teeth made of a cow's tooth, hippopotamus ivory, metal and springs.

❖ In his will, George Washington freed the slaves that belonged to him.

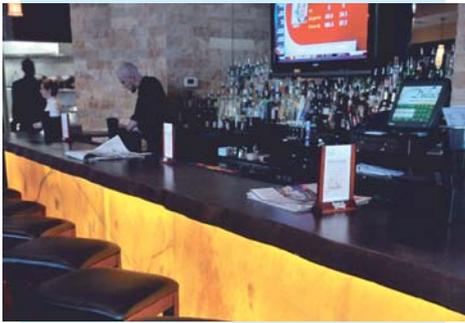
❖ George Washington had no children of his own but he helped his wife, Martha, raise her two children from her first marriage.

— COMPILED BY MAYA HOROWITZ

## ENTERTAINMENT

# Don't Miss Out

## Alexandria, Mount Vernon Event Highlights



### Delia's Mediterranean Grill

**AUG. 25-28**

**Alexandria Summer Restaurant Week.** 62 restaurants offer a \$35 prix-fixe three-course dinner or \$35 dinner for two. Savor the flavors of Alexandria's distinctive collection of eateries, from fine dining establishments to casual neighborhood favorites. Participating restaurants include Bastille, La Bergerie, the Grille at Morrison House, Cheesetique, A la Lucia, Tempo, and many more. 703-746-3301. Menus and online reservations on VisitAlexandriaVA.com



**SATURDAY/SEPT. 10**

**Civil War Fashion Show.** 10:30 a.m. Admission is \$10/adults; \$5/children. The Carlyle House terrace will be transformed into a runway as fashion historians and living history interpreters describe the various styles and types of clothing the models are wearing. At 121 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Reservations recommended, call 703-549-2997 or e-mail carlyle@nvrpa.org.



**SATURDAY/SEPT. 10**

**Washington Balalaika Society.** 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Presents An Ensemble of Russian folk instruments. At the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Visit www.balalaika.org. Call 703-549-0760.



**WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 14**

**French Wine Tasting.** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Focusing on wines from the French region of Burgundy. Tasting will be led by Wilkinson Wine Cellar; tickets \$25/person. At Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden. Visit www.leeendallhouse.org.

**NOW THROUGH OCT. 31**

**Alexandria Arts and Crafts Fair.** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. every Sunday. Features some of the areas' best artists and artisans and includes jewelry, glass works, ceramics and pottery, hand woven products, and other crafts. At St. George Gallery, 105 North Alfred Street, Old Town Alexandria.

**NOW THROUGH OCT. 30**

**Civil War Walking Tour.** Saturdays and Sundays 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Covers the changing role of African Americans on the estate, views on George Washington from the perspective of Union and Confederate supporters, and the Washington-Robert E. Lee

connection. At Historic Mount Vernon. These tours are limited in capacity and cost \$5 in addition to Estate admission: \$15 adults; \$7 children (6-11); free for children 5 & under. Visit www.MountVernon.org or call 703-780-2000.

**THURSDAY/AUG. 25**

**Elephant Day.** All elephant items will be 25 percent off at Ten Thousand Villages in Old Town Alexandria. In addition, 15 percent of the day's sales will be donated to the International Elephant Foundation.

**FRIDAY/AUG. 26**

**Wee Ones Storytime.** 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Explore the exciting world around us with some of our favorite stories and songs! For ages 2 and under. At Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St. Alexandria. Call 703-548-4092. Visit www.hooray4books.com.

**Family Fun Game Night.** 7-8 p.m. Bring the family for an evening of friendly competition, including games from ThinkFun! For ages 4 and up. Free. At Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St. Alexandria. Call 703-548-4092. Visit www.hooray4books.com.

**AUG. 26 TO 27**

**Red Wanting Blue.** 9 p.m. Admission is \$12. At Iota Club, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Visit http://redwantingblue.com.

**SATURDAY/AUG. 27**

**Wee Ones Storytime.** 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Explore the exciting world around us with some of our favorite stories and songs! For ages 2 and under. At Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St. Alexandria. Call 703-548-4092. Visit www.hooray4books.com.

**Grand Night of Opera.** 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15/\$10. With the Repertory Opera Theater of Washington. A meet-the-artists reception follows the concert. At Immanuel Church on the Hill, 3606 Seminary Road and Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Visit repopera.org.

**Fish-Fry and Bazaar.** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fish dinners, chicken dinners, silent auction, white elephant sale, 50/50 raffle, games for children and vendors. At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 711 North Columbus St., Alexandria. Call 703-836-3725.

**SUNDAY/AUG. 28**

**Presidential Salon with James Madison.** 3 to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are

\$15/person; \$10/students. President James Madison will be accompanied by his wife Dolley Madison, as well as Secretary of Treasury Albert Gallatin. Take part in this conversation with the fourth President of the U.S., as presented by John Douglas Hall, and be a party to the public debate. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St., Alexandria. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org or call 703-746-4242.

**Civil War Sunday.** 1 to 5 p.m. Explore the Civil War in Alexandria with Civil War Sundays at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union Street, #327. Visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org or call 703-746-4399.

**MONDAY/AUG. 29**

**Firefighters Sponsor Children's Haircuts.** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. At Gum Springs Recreation Center, 8100 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Contact Captain Willie Bailey at 703-246-3801.

**Wiygul Golf Classic.** 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A fundraiser for ALIVE! At Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Sign up at Alexchamber.com

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## The Twig's Historic Alexandria Homes Tour

The Twig, the Junior Auxiliary of Inova Alexandria Hospital, is having its 70th Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour & Marketplace on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Six private residences and gardens in Old Town will be open to the general public. One of the homes featured on the tour is Duvall's Tavern where a reception for Gen. George Washington was held Dec. 31, 1783, after he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army. From 1963-1990 the house was designer Frankie Welch's store, design studio, and family home.

The Marketplace will be held at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 316 South Royal Street, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature gifts, home décor, jewelry and beautifully handcrafted works by local artists. Light refreshments can also be purchased at the Marketplace on the day of the tour.

The Honorary Co-Chairs for this year are celebrated Chef Cathal Armstrong and his wife, Meshelle. The Armstrongs own Restaurant Eve, The Majestic, Eamonn's, PX and the newly opened Virtue Feed & Grain.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$35. To purchase tickets online, visit www.thetwig.org. Tickets may be purchased at The Ramsay House Visitors



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**SEPT. 10-11**

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### AUG. 29 THRU OCT. 31

**Art Show and Sale.** Sponsored by the Springfield Art Guild and the Friends of Green Spring Park. Opening reception is Sunday, Sept. 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. At Green Spring Gardens Park, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173.

### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 31

**Author Maria Lima.** 7:30 p.m. Author of "Blood Lines" will introduce her new book, Blood Sacrifice. At Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705.

**"Race to Nowhere."** 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10/advance; \$15/door. At Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. Visit <http://www.racetonowhere.com/epostcard/5121>.

**Swing Dancing.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. Jimmy and the Blue Dogs. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

### SEPT. 1 TO 5

**Abbey Road on the River.** Beatles Tribute Festival with 50 bands from around the world. A highlight will be the full reenactment of the soundtrack album LOVE, which was produced as a re-mix of over 130 Beatles songs for the Cirque Du Soleil show. The LOVE concert, presented by Gretsch Guitars, will take place on Saturday, Sept. 3 at 8:30 p.m. and feature 34 performers. At the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National Harbor in Maryland. Also a fund-raiser for the American Red Cross. Visit [www.abbeyroadontheriver.com](http://www.abbeyroadontheriver.com).



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### Art Activated at the Torpedo Factory.

#### SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

**Art Activated.** Noon to 4 p.m. Step inside from the street fair and let your creative side play at this 5th annual event. Visual art comes alive with artist demonstrations and interactivity. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit [www.TorpedoFactory.org](http://www.TorpedoFactory.org); 703-838-4565.

#### SATURDAY/SEPT. 3

**Community Yard Sale.** 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Seller set-up from 6 to 7 a.m. Cost is \$15/space for sellers. Sponsored by the Alexandria Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees). Sellers may sell anything legal (appliances, clothing, toys, books, etc.) except for food and drinks. Go

to [www.alexjaycees.org](http://www.alexjaycees.org) for directions, other dates, registration information, and seller rules. At Anthony Lane Elementary School, 7137 Beulah Street, Alexandria. Call 703-866-7171.

#### Historic Downspouts

**Lecture.** 10 a.m. Archaeologist Mark Michael Ludlow will present "The Mid-Nineteenth Century Decorative Cast Iron Downspouts of Old Town Alexandria: Decorative and Functional Architectural Statements of Social Status and Their Connection to the Two T.W. & R.C. Smith Foundries, the Early Hugh Smith Family, and Alexandria's Early Locomotive Manufacturers." At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. To make a reservation, contact Paul Nasca at Alexandria Archaeology at [paul.nasca@alexandriava.gov](mailto:paul.nasca@alexandriava.gov) or 703-746-4399.

**Alexandria Art Market.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The market boasts amazing artwork from local artists, music from multicultural musicians and great food from local restaurants. At Colasanto Park in the heart of Del Ray. Free and open to public. [www.TheDelRayArtisans.com](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.com) or [DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com](mailto:DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com) to apply.

#### SUNDAY/SEPT. 4

**Civil War Sunday.** 1 to 5 p.m. Explore the Civil War in Alexandria with Civil War Sundays at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union Street, #327. Visit [www.alexandriarchaeology.org](http://www.alexandriarchaeology.org) or call 703-746-4399.

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## MONDAY/SEPT. 5

**Good Shepherd's International Festival.** 12 to 6 p.m. Listen to live multicultural music, indulge in ethnic cuisine, peruse local artisans and shop in a huge indoor yard sale, all the while waiting for your chance to win \$10,000 cash grand prize raffle drawing. Children will enjoy kids' games and rides while parents eat, dance, and shop. <http://www.gs-cc.org/getinvolved-intlfestival.php> At the church at 8710 Mount Vernon Highway, Alexandria.

## SEPT. 5 TO NOV. 6

**Alexandria's Fall Arts Jubilee.** Colorful spectrum of events celebrating the arts includes the King Street Festival of the Arts, Del Ray's Art on the Avenue, West End Art & Wine Festival, the Alexandria Film Festival, and dozens more. [www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com](http://www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com); 703-746-3301.

## SEPT. 5 TO OCT. 31

**Kaleidoscope.** An initiative of the Alexandria Arts Forum and Access through the Arts, focusing on visual and performing arts in Alexandria from Labor Day to Halloween. Enjoy theater, music and dance performances as well as art exhibitions at locations throughout the city. Dates and admission prices vary. [www.ArtsKaleidoscope.com](http://www.ArtsKaleidoscope.com) or [www.ArtsEventsAlexandria.com](http://www.ArtsEventsAlexandria.com)

## TUESDAY/SEPT. 6

**Author Ted Pulliam.** 6 to 8 p.m. Bringing the Past Alive: Writing Alexandria History. Part of a Salon-Style Series celebrating culture through arts, literature and history discussions. At Morrison House, 116 South Alfred Street, Alexandria. Visit [www.morrisonhouse.com](http://www.morrisonhouse.com) or call 703-838-8000.

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 7

**Square Dance Lessons.** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sponsored by Boomerangs Square Dance Teaching Council. At Lincolnia Center, 4710 North Chambliss St., Alexandria. Alexandria. Call Nancy at 703-573-8378 or email [tom.nancystafford@cox.net](mailto:tom.nancystafford@cox.net).

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 8

**Stars & Stripes: A Police & Firefighters Tribute.** 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$40/person. Outstanding police, firefighters, and EMTs will be honored. At Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Call 703-360-6925 or visit [www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org](http://www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org)

**Isabella Perelman.** 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Part of the Second Thursday Music at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Visit [nvfaa.org](http://nvfaa.org) or call 703-548-0035.

**Fashion's Night Out Plus.** 6 to 11



**John Douglas Hall portrays James Madison**

## SUNDAY/AUG. 28

**Presidential Salon with James Madison.** 3 to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15/person; \$10/students. President James Madison will be accompanied by his wife Dolley Madison, as well as Secretary of Treasury Albert Gallatin. Take part in this conversation with the fourth President of the U.S., as presented by John Douglas Hall, and be a party to the public debate. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St., Alexandria. Visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) or call 703-746-4242.

p.m. Catering to the Plus Size Community. At BeautyFull Boutique, 118 N. Fayette St., Alexandria. Visit <http://www.fnoplus.com>.

## SEPT. 9, 10, 11

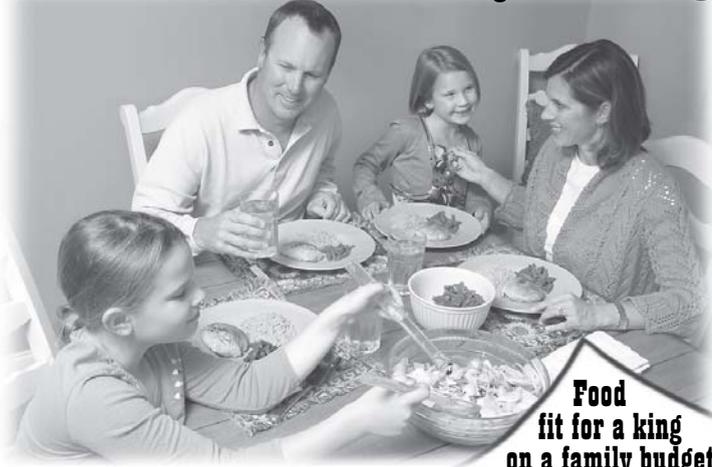
**Book Sale Blast.** Friday, Sept. 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 11 from 1:15 to 4:30 p.m. Members-only preview Thursday, Sept. 8 from 4 to 8:30 p.m. Kids events on Saturday, Sept. 10!

- ❖ 10:15 to 11 a.m.: "Singing Books with Emily" with Children's Author Emily Leatha Everson.
- ❖ 11 to 11:45 a.m.: Jane Harrington shares her book Extreme Pets and shows a pet or two.
- ❖ 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Face-Painting with "Heavenly Face Designs" and "Cheeky Faces".
- ❖ 1 to 2:30 p.m.: Lisa the Unicycle Lady and her "Wheely Wacky Circus Show".
- ❖ 2:45 to 3:45 p.m.: Mr. Don and his amazing "Children's Music Show".

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## SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

### Rock and Stroll to

#### End Homelessness.

12:30 to 3 p.m. Event includes Help the Homeless Mini-Walk, BBQ lunch with entertainment by bluegrass sensation "Frank Solivan and Dirty Kitchen", and games for all ages. Benefits six local nonprofit service providers — ALIVE!, Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless, Carpenter's Shelter, Community Lodgings, New Hope Housing, and Wesley Housing.

Registration: \$20 for youth to age 25 and \$30 for adults. Sponsored by Acacia Federal. At Cameron Run Regional Park, 4001 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.wesleyhousing.org/RockStroll.htm](http://www.wesleyhousing.org/RockStroll.htm)

### Washington Balalaika Society.

7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Presents An Ensemble of Russian folk instruments. At the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Visit [www.balalaika.org](http://www.balalaika.org). Call 703-549-0760.

### Civil War Fashion Show.

10:30 a.m. Admission is \$10/adults; \$5/children. The Carlyle House terrace will be transformed into a runway as fashion historians and living history interpreters describe the various styles and types of clothing the models are wearing. At 121 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Reservations recommended, call 703-549-2997 or e-mail [carlyle@nvrpa.org](mailto:carlyle@nvrpa.org).

### "The Will to Survive."

4:30 p.m. Part of Movies with a Mission Series. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-4356 or visit [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org).

### Toastmasters Open House.

8 to 10 a.m. Learn public speaking and leadership skills in a fun self-paced environment. At the United Baptist Church of Annandale, 7100 Columbia Pike,



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## SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

**Scott Ainslie and Chatham Street.** 7 p.m. Tickets are \$18/general; \$15/advance. At Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org). Info: 703-501-6061.

Annandale. Visit <http://guts.freetoasthost.us>  
**St. Luke's Episcopal Craft and Family Fun Fair.** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Listen to music by local talent as you peruse unique arts and crafts created by the dozens of artisans and crafters. Sample pies, cakes and other delectables made by the congregation's finest bakers, and stay for lunch — a hamburger or hot dog from the grill — while children enjoy games, face-painting and other festivities. Contact event cochairman Anne Hargrove at [annehargrove@cox.net](mailto:annehargrove@cox.net).

At the church at 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria.

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**Autumn Serenade.** 5 to 7 p.m. Presented by the Alexandria Singers, this concert features selections of American popular music, including Broadway, film, jazz and pop; from Sinatra's "Come Fly With Me" to Toto's "Africa!" At Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Visit [www.ArtsEventsAlexandria.com](http://www.ArtsEventsAlexandria.com).

**Ice Cream Social.** 2 to 5 p.m. Free. Sponsored by MVDDC. Sponsorships are available at the following levels: One Scoop (\$25); Two Scoops (\$50); Three Scoops (\$60); Banana Split (\$100); Ice Cream Cake (\$200). At 8146 Wellington Road, Alexandria.

## SEPT. 10-11

**Children in the Churchyard.** 1 to 4 p.m. Historic Christ Church presents family friendly

activities, rest area and moon bounce. At Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St. Alexandria. Visit [www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com](http://www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com); 703-549-1450

**Alexandria Festival of the Arts.** Free. Saturday, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featuring 200 artists offering an eclectic mix of artwork, live music and interactive art activities. Also featuring an Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser presented by The Art League and the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Located in Old Town, on Historic King Street from Washington Street to the Potomac River waterfront. Navigational address: 480 King Street, Alexandria. Visit [www.artfestival.com](http://www.artfestival.com) or [www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com](http://www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com) or call 561-746-6615.

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 11

**Spacious Skies: A Remembrance.** A piano recital on the 10-year anniversary of 9/11. Steinway artist Robert Wyatt takes us on a musical journey, from the works of Schumann and Schubert to Scott Joplin and George Gershwin. Suggested donation \$20. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria.

## FINE ARTS

### NOW THROUGH SEPT. 25

**So Yoon Lym: The Dreamtime.** Artist uses hair and braid styles to make statement about immigration and diversity. Reception and artist talk on Sept. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. At the Target Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org/target](http://www.torpedofactory.org/target).

### FRIDAY/SEPT. 2

**Retakes and Transformations.** 7 p.m. Art from everyday life. Runs through Oct. 2. At the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org)

### NOW THROUGH SEPT. 4

**The Power of Color III.** Artist's reception is Saturday, Aug. 13 from 5 to 8 p.m. At Gallery West, 1213 King Street, Old Town Alexandria. Visit [www.gallery-west.com](http://www.gallery-west.com) or call 703-549-6006.

### SEPT. 7 TO OCT. 2

**"Suburbia."** A collection of impressionistic oil paintings by Parisa Tirnaz. Artist's Reception is Saturday, Sept. 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. At Gallery West, 1213 King St., Old Town Alexandria. Visit [www.gallery-west.com](http://www.gallery-west.com) or call 703-549-6006.

### SEPT. 8 - OCT. 3

**Red Dots: Drawings by Shanthi Chandrasekar.** Opening meet-the-artist reception is Thursday, Sept. 8 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. At the Art League Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, Old Town Alexandria.

### NOW THROUGH SEPT. 11

**"Satellite Images."** Free. Jewelry, sculpture, clothing and wall pieces will be exhibited. At Studio 18 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union Street, Old Town Alexandria.

### NOW THROUGH SEPT. 30

**River Farm Exhibition.** River Farm, the historic property near Old Town Alexandria which houses the American Horticultural Society, has opened its newest botanically-themed exhibition. Admission is free, though donations are welcome, and gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., weekdays, and 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday. The property is closed Sundays. This show features paintings by Juleen Stacy, who also curated the show, as well as photography by Deb Booth, Brian J. McGahren and Dave Costa. The Opening Reception will be held Thursday, July 14, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For directions go to River Farm's website, [http://www.ahs.org/river\\_farm/directions.htm](http://www.ahs.org/river_farm/directions.htm).

### NOW THROUGH OCT. 3

**"Forgotten" and "Off Season."** Works by photographers Sandy LeBrun-Evans and Eric Jonson. Opening Reception is Aug. 7 from 3 to 5 p.m. At Multiple Exposures Gallery, Suite 312, Torpedo Factory Art Center. Call 703-683-2205.

## SEPT. 12 THROUGH DEC. 19

**Tavern Toddlers.** Mondays between 10:30 a.m. and noon. Cost is \$7/group of three. A five-visit pass is \$30. A weekly open playtime and a new craft activity each week. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St., Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

## TUESDAY/SEPT. 13

**Mediaeval Baebes.** UK's number one selling classical vocal group. These songwriters, multi-instrumentalists and vocalists create their sound by drawing inspiration from medieval texts which are set to original scores with the use of both classical and medieval musical instruments. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

**Foster Parent Orientation.** 6 to 7:30 p.m. The City of Alexandria will hold a free, no obligation information session for prospective foster parents. An agency representative will be on hand to answer any questions. At Beatley Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. Call 703-SEE ENTERTAINMENT, PAGE 21



**Stoneware handpainted chrysanthemum platter by Kim Ju of McLean.**

### AUG. 29 TO OCT. 2

**Shades of Fall.** At the Torpedo Factory Center's Scope Gallery. Hours are Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with Thursdays until 9 p.m. At 105 North Union Street, ground floor Studio 19, Alexandria. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope](http://www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope).

### OCT. 5 TO 31

**Kimberley Bush, Ceramist.** Reception is Saturday, Oct. 8 from 6 to 10 p.m. At Gallery West, 1213 King Street, Old Town Alexandria. Visit [www.gallery-west.com](http://www.gallery-west.com) or call 703-549-6006.



### NOW THROUGH DEC. 31

**"In Black and White."** Photography by Nina Tisara and Peggy Fleming. "In Black and White" highlights two different aspects of African American life and culture. Tisara's series "United in the Spirit" focuses on worship in Alexandria's African American community, while Fleming's work "Crown Me!" looks at the social life of one group of African American men and a traditional American pastime. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria.

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**"The Country Girl."** Presented by the American Century Theater. Show times are Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m.; Saturday/Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. There is no matinee on Saturday, Sept. 10, and no performance on Friday, Sept. 23. TACT will also host a post show talk-back on Thursday, Sept. 15. At the Gunston Theatre II, 2700 South Lang St., Arlington. Tickets can be ordered online at



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**"Rabbit Hole."** Written by David Lindsay-Abaire. Wednesday - Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m. Cast includes: Andy Izquierdo (Howie), Karen Jados Shotts (Becca), Rebecca Lenahan (Nat), Rebecca Phillips (Izzy) and Collin Chute (Jason). At the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. Visit [www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com) or 703-683-0496.

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## WEDNESDAY/SEPT 14

**French Wine Tasting.** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Focusing on wines from the French region of Burgundy. Tasting will be led by Wilkinson Wine Cellar; tickets \$25/person. At Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden. Visit [www.leafendallhouse.org](http://www.leafendallhouse.org).

**Home Modification.** 10 a.m. Greg Sieb from Granting-You-Access will be presenting information on home modifications. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. To reserve a seat, call 703-765-4573.

**DJ Dance Party.** 9 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$6. With DJ Dabe Murphy. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 16

**Bottle Rockets.** 7:30 p.m. With guests Marshall Crenshaw. Cost is \$27.50. At the Birchmere, 3710 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

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## SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

**Bikes for the World Collection.** 9 a.m. to noon. For his Eagle Scout project, Thomas Gigure is collecting unused bikes to donate to Bikes for the World. A \$10 donation per bicycle to handle the overseas transportation is encouraged. At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria. Contact Thomas Gigure at 703-915-6215 or [gigure3@cox.net](mailto:gigure3@cox.net).

**Annual Recovery Fest/BBQ Cook-Off.** Noon to 5 p.m. Live bands, community organization info tables, vendors, KCBS Sanctioned BBQ Cook-Off, kid's activities and more. Sponsored by the McShinn Foundation; last year's event drew 7,000 people. At Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. Visit [www.mcshin.org](http://www.mcshin.org).

**Community Yard Sale.** 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Seller set-up from 6 to 7 a.m. Cost is \$15/space for sellers. Sponsored by the Alexandria Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees). Sellers may sell anything legal (appliances, clothing, toys, books, etc.) except for food and drinks. Go to [www.alexjaycees.org](http://www.alexjaycees.org) for directions, other dates, registration information, and seller rules. At Anthony Lane Elementary School, 7137 Beulah Street, Alexandria. Call 703-866-7171.

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

**Judgment of Alexandria.** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100. Fall wine-tasting event — France Versus the World. Old Town-based Borvin Beverage is selecting the event's wines from vineyards in California, France, Germany, and Spain. At the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Old Town Alexandria. Sponsored by Senior Services of Alexandria; ticket sales go to funding SSA's programs and operations. Visit [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org). Call 703-836-4414, ext. 14.

**Scott Ainslie and Chatham Street.** 7 p.m. Tickets are \$18/general; \$15/advance. At Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org). Info: 703-501-6061.

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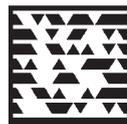
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# Mount Vernon's Challenges: Transportation, Development

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Act (FOIA); unwillingness of the police to answer questions about questionable police actions in Mount Vernon or elsewhere in the county.

This caused a Mount Vernon citizens group to be formed that recommended that the county create a Citizen Oversight Board similar to many others in existence nationwide. The Police Department and the Board of Supervisors did not agree to the need for such an oversight organization. Instead, the Board of Supervisors supported the use of the county's existing independent audit function to perform audits and oversight of the police department. Despite this decision, the need for a citizens oversight board to enable citizens to oversee and have a direct impact on the standards of conduct over police actions and behavior will likely continue to be an issue before the county.

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The Route 1 Corridor is home to a large group of economically disadvantaged individuals and families in need of affordable housing, food assistance, social service counseling, caregiver assistance to the disabled, preschool child care for children of disadvantaged families and other human services.

Full funding by the county to assist the needy directly or through public-private partnerships will continue to be a top priority in the county and in particular Mount Vernon. Progress has been realized by the social service network in the Route 1 Corridor. This includes: assisting the homeless, providing quality preschool child care, and providing food for those in need.

The fastest growing needy demographic in the Mount Vernon area is senior citizens services. Those who are 65 and over have a growing need for affordable housing, transportation, medical, dental, food services, counseling and social interaction essential for those who wish to "age in place" and continue to live in their homes and neighborhoods as long as safe and practical. Improving and expanding public and private services to protect and support senior citizens is essential as this segment of the

Mount Vernon population continues to grow.

## HOUSING FOR SENIORS

Legislation was enacted by the Virginia General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor to promote the use of temporary accessory housing units for seniors. However, concerns remain, and the county and state need to address the perceived or real weaknesses before Mount Vernon and other jurisdictions begin to allow their installation in residential neighborhoods. This includes: building standards, prohibitively high cost of the units, potential for social and medical isolation, and the potential to abuse the waiver requirement and turn accessory housing into a profitable rental unit after the senior moves out of the unit.

Seniors increasingly want to avoid being institutionalized in public or privately financed senior housing, often far away from family and the neighborhoods they have lived in. The housing legislation enacted mandates local governments to waive prohibitions to small portable temporary accessory housing ("granny units") in residential neighborhoods.

The goal of the mandate is to lift barriers to such temporary housing and to house seniors adjacent physically to their children or grandchildren. The theory is that this will enable more seniors to age in place and stay independent longer by being housed in small self-contained temporary housing units adjacent to family residences. Mount Vernon's rapidly growing senior citizen population means the unresolved policies for accessory housing for seniors will likely be addressed in the coming year by the county.

## PUBLIC EDUCATION

Funding for Fairfax County schools continues to amount to more than half the total county budget and generated largely through the use of property taxes. The funding formula for state aid to education for local school districts continues to be discriminatory against Fairfax County schools; the state funding formula benefits those school districts that are least able to pay and punishes Fairfax County. This, plus the

lack of taxing authority by the Board of Supervisors beyond property taxes, means the growing public school system, ranked 11th in size in the U.S., and regarded as one of the better public school systems, continues to struggle for funds.

The discriminatory state funding formula, the lack of flexibility in raising funds by the county, and the recent economic downturn which affects property values and the amount of money raised through real estate taxes will continue to plague school system planners who have to deal with a growing and more diverse student population, increased costs of running the school system, demands for lowering pupil-teacher ratios, and funding for all-day kindergarten county-wide.

Other educational issues include the adequacy of changes in the new school discipline policy and the move to eliminate the "honors" (college prep courses) curricula in favor of efforts by school system staff to urge more students to take advanced placement courses. The expectation is the debate about the adequacy of the new discipline policy, whether or not to continue on the path of eliminating honors curricula, and the discriminatory state funding formula will be renewed this fall and during the upcoming School Board election and in the General Assembly beginning January 2012. In addition, what strategies to pursue to improve student performance of underperforming students in Mount Vernon High School and West Potomac High School will continue to be of concern to parents and school system leaders.

The need for post-secondary education opportunities has been raised in the community and will be addressed in the coming year. The demand for adult education in Mount Vernon has grown, but there is currently a lack of locally utilized education facilities to meet the demand. One option likely to be considered is the old Mount Vernon High School, located on Route 1 that will soon be vacated by its current leaseholder. Another option to be considered is greater utilization of existing Mount Vernon school system facilities in the evening after elementary and secondary school classroom programs are completed during the day.

## ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION, AND PARKS

Full utilization of the various park and recreation resources will continue to be the subject of much debate and proposals for improvement and expansion. As examples, West Grove Park and Lamond Park are now in the inventory of Mount Vernon park resources managed by the Fairfax County Park Authority in which greater utilization will likely be debated. In addition, efforts will be made to expand the inventory of park land in Mount Vernon.

The issue of stormwater runoff will continue to be of concern and proposals for improved stormwater management will be offered. This long neglected area is especially true for the Route 1 corridor where large parking lots and other impervious structures mean techniques are needed to be installed to reduce the destructive effects of unabated stormwater runoff in commercial and residential areas.

Other issues that will come up are protection of wetlands along the Potomac river, maintenance and/or upgrading of aging recreational facilities, and expanding the number and type of recreation facilities to keep up with the demand for them. Also, what to do about periodic flooding in the Huntington and Belleview areas will be subjected to debate and action to determine what remedial measures will prevent destructive flooding of residential and commercial properties in the near future.

## PROMOTING TOURISM

To improve the local economy in the Mount Vernon area, the county will be considering actions to promote tourism. Numerous existing historic and cultural sites of interest to tourists (Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens of George Washington, Grist Mill, Woodlawn Plantation, George Mason's Estate, etc.) and the upcoming National Army Museum and National Library for the Study of George Washington have focused local community and government leaders on the need to promote Mount Vernon as a historical destination.

Local businesses such as hotels, motels and restaurants will benefit by signage, internet promotions and creative marketing techniques to attract tourists to the area.



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## Business After Hours

About 50 members of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce met at Doctors Express Mount Vernon for the August Business After Hours. Curcio Law and Curcio Communications served as co-hosts of the event. At left, Earl Reed and others listen to Tina Leone. At right are Mike Anderson and Skip Maginniss.





# Getting To Know West Potomac

## Wolverines cross country teams win Patriot District championships.

**School:** West Potomac High School.

**Mascot:** Wolverines.

**School Colors:** Royal blue and silver.

**Athletic Director:** Aaron Helmick, 703-718-2561

**Football Coach:** Eric Henderson

The Wolverines fell just short of qualifying for the playoffs in 2010, finishing with a 6-4 record. The team started 6-2, including a five-game winning streak to open Patriot District play, but lost its final two games. Head coach Eric Henderson suffered a heart attack on Sept. 24, the day West Potomac was scheduled to play West Springfield. With Henderson in the hospital, the Wolverines defeated the Spartans, 13-7. Henderson was OK and returned to finish the season.

**Cross Country Coach:** Jenn Dietz.

**Boys Basketball Coach:** David Houston III.

**Baseball Coach:** Jim Sullivan.

**Rival Schools:** Mount Vernon, T.C. Williams.

The football team beat Mount Vernon each of the last four years, including a 42-3 win in 2009 and 55-20 victory in 2010. The Wolverines have been in shootouts with T.C. Williams the last two seasons. In 2009, West Potomac lost to TC, 38-37, in the pouring rain despite quarterback Colin Mathewson passing for 438 yards and five touchdowns, and receiver Daryl Copeland catching seven passes for 245 yards and four touchdowns. In 2010, the Wolverines beat the Titans, 38-31. Running back Brandon Johnson accounted for 162 yards of offense and four touchdowns.

**What happened last year:** The boys cross country team won Patriot District and Northern Region championships

and placed sixth at states. The girls cross country team won the Patriot District, finished third in the region and seventh at states. The softball team finished district runner-up and won a game in the regional tournament.

**Historic Achievements:** In 2010, the boys basketball team won its first district championship since 1996. The football program won back-to-back state championships in 1989 and 1990. The girls cross country team also won state championships in 1989 and 1990.

**Famous Alumni:** Willie Pile (1998 graduate) was a standout quarterback who led the Wolverines to the 1997 Division 5 Northern Region championship and earned region Offensive Player of the Year honors. He was also first-team all-region as a defensive back after snagging a school-record eight interceptions. He went on to play defensive back at Virginia Tech and was a seventh-round draft pick of the Kansas City Chiefs in 2004. He also played for the Dallas Cowboys. Pile currently plays for the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League. Tiombe Hurd (1991) set the American record in the outdoor triple jump at 14.45 meters in 2004. Figure skater Ashley Wagner, who attended West Potomac through the 2007-08 school year, has finished third at the U.S. Championships and the World Junior Championships.

**Quotable:** "The kids played hard for [head coach Eric Henderson] because they love him. He gives every ounce of himself to these kids and they know that. And I know these kids were not going to let him down. ... I think [not having Henderson on the sideline] made the kids play harder. They did not want me to send him a text saying that we were trailing or that we were in danger of losing this game." — West Potomac assistant football coach Chuck McCullough after the Wolverines defeated West Springfield, 13-7, while Henderson was in the hospital, having suffered a heart attack.



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**Benjamin Aleixo and the West Potomac boys cross country team won the Northern Region championship in 2010.**

# Getting To Know Mount Vernon Sports

## Majors football rebounds from 0-10 season to make playoffs.

**School:** Mount Vernon High School.

**Mascot:** Majors.

**School Colors:** Maroon, gray and white.

**Athletic Director:** Bob Maxey, 703-619-3141.

**Football Coach:** Barry Wells (second year).

Wells took over a program that went 0-10 in 2009 and guided it to a 5-5 regular season and a playoff berth. The Majors suffered lopsided losses against West Potomac, T.C. Williams and Centreville, but posted a 5-2 record in the National District, good for a second-place finish. Mount Vernon lost to South Lakes in the opening round of the regional playoffs.

**Field Hockey Coach:** Jessica Hebel.

**Boys Soccer Coach:** Robert Garza.

**Girls Soccer Coach:** Tony Garza.

**Rival School:** West Potomac

The girls basketball team beat West Potomac, 84-32, in 2010. The boys soccer



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE GAZETTE

**The Mount Vernon field hockey team won its second consecutive district championship in 2010.**

team beat the Wolverines, 4-1.

**What happened last year:** The football team advanced to the regional playoffs, where the Majors lost to South Lakes. The field hockey team repeated as National District champions. The boys basketball team captured another district title and won a regional tournament game. The girls basketball team also won districts and a game at regionals. Wrestlers Dusty Floyd and Trey

McClure won individual district titles. The wrestling team finished district runner-up. The boys soccer team went 15-3, finished district runner-up and won a game at regionals. The softball team finished district runner-up after upsetting top-seed Hayfield in the semifinals.

**Historic Achievements:** The boys basketball program won its third consecutive district championship. The boys soccer team

won a regional tournament game for the second consecutive season. The football program won a state championship in 1983.

**Famous Graduates:** Ed Cunningham (1987) played center for the University of Washington's 1991 national champion football team. He went on to play in the NFL for the Arizona Cardinals and the Seattle Seahawks. Atlee Hammacker (1976) pitched in the Major Leagues from 1981-1995. He was an all-star in 1983 as a San Francisco Giant, when he led the National League with a 2.25 ERA. He also played for the Kansas City Royals, San Diego Padres and Chicago White Sox. Swimmer Markus Rogan (2000) won silver medals in the 100M and 200M backstroke at the 2004 Summer Olympics.

**Quotable:** "I think it's a different feeling because last year, it was brand new to all of us. We hadn't won the year before. ... It's just a different feeling, but that doesn't make it any less exciting. ... Last year, coming into the season, we were hoping to perform well in our district. This year, we were expecting ourselves to do that — our goal was beyond that. This was on our to-do list." — Mount Vernon head field hockey coach Jessica Hebel after the Majors repeated as National District champions.



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## POLITICS

# Ebbin Gains Primary Upset

Underdog candidate pulls victory in state Senate shocker.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
AND MAYA HOROWITZ  
THE GAZETTE

Supporters of Del. Adam Ebbin (D-49) say something changed in the last few weeks of the campaign to replace longtime state Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30), a shift in momentum that helped vault their candidate to the top of the pack in the hotly contested three-way primary. For months, many Democratic insiders predicted a victory for Councilman Rob Krupicka and a third-place finish for Arlington School Board member Libby Garvey. Then everything changed.

"I didn't think Adam was going to pull this off," said former School Board member Eileen Cassidy Rivera. "Then, all of a sudden, it was like Adam started showing an edge that wasn't there before."

Many Ebbin supporters said the change happened at the MetroStage debate hosted by the Alexandria Democratic Committee, a heavily attended event they say showcased the delegate's command of the issues in Richmond and record of working with Republicans. During Krupicka's closing remarks, he indirectly challenged Ebbin when he said standing up to Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli and arch-conservative Del. Bob Marshall (R-13) wasn't "just about press releases."



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/THE GAZETTE

**Adam Ebbin addresses supporters at Los Tios Restaurant Aug. 23 after winning the Democratic primary for Virginia's 30th district state Senate seat.**

"That crystalized it for me," said Del. Charniele Herring (D-46), who issued a formal endorsement of Ebbin a few days later. "I was going to stay neutral, but that debate at the MetroStage was a tipping point for me."

**THE CAMPAIGN** for the Democratic primary to replace Ticer began months before the incumbent state senator formally announced her retirement on the floor of the Virginia Senate during the General Assembly session. As early as October, the three can

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# Anti-Establishment Candidate Wins

Ousted Republican state party chairman makes comeback in 36th Senate District.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE GAZETTE

Everybody loves a comeback, especially former Republican Party of Virginia chairman Jeff Frederick. Back in 2009, he was removed from his leadership position after a chaotic Republican campaign in Virginia that included Frederick comparing then-candidate Barack Obama to terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden. Obama won Virginia, and party leaders began calling for Frederick to step down. He resisted those calls, and the State Central Committee ultimately forced him out.

Now, things have changed.

In the Republican primary to challenge longtime state Sen. Toddy Puller (D-39), Frederick faced radio host Tito "the Builder" Munoz, a popular Republican who had the support of former U.S. Sen. George Allen. Munoz also had the backing of Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herryty and FreedomWorks president Matt Kibbe. But Frederick is a veteran campaigner who ran three suc-

cessful campaigns for the House of Delegates before taking a statewide political role.

"The state Senate and Toddy Puller have been standing in the way of progress for too long," said Frederick in an interview Wednesday morning. "She is one of the most liberal state senators, and I think she's too liberal for this district."

Frederick scored a massive victory, with 69 percent of the vote. Although Munoz won a slim majority of votes in the 19 Fairfax County precincts, Frederick dominated Prince William taking 77 percent of the vote and winning 23 out of 25 precincts. He also swamped Munoz in Stafford County, winning 72 percent of the vote and taking all five precincts.

"It has been a hard-fought race, and I am thankful for the hard work and generous support of all the people who backed my campaign," Munoz said in a written statement two hours after the polls closed. "What is most important now is that we concentrate on taking back the Senate from the majority Democrats, who seem to



Frederick

Munoz

care about little else than scoring political points against Governor McDonnell."

Frederick will face a difficult race against Puller, a popular incumbent in a district that leans heavily Democratic. Unlike many other senate districts in Northern Virginia, the 36th District became more Democratic in the redistricting. While 49.4 percent old district voted for Republican gubernatorial candidate Bob McDonnell, 48.7 percent of the new district voted for the Republican.

"Jeff Frederick is not considered an establishment candidate," said Kyle Kondik, political analyst for the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia. "And I'm wondering if that means the Republican establishment will spend their money on other races."

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## Ebbin To Face Republican McGhee

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didates were building campaign teams and securing endorsements. Early fundraising numbers indicated Krupicka supporters, who called themselves Team Orange, had broken ahead of the pack. Yet as supporters gathered at FireFlies Restaurant in Del Ray to watch precinct returns, they watched the election slip from their grasp.

"My political life started in this room, and depending on how life evolves this could be where my political life ends," Krupicka told a packed crowd of disappointed volunteers and staffers. "I'm very sincere when I say that this could be the last political speech I give."

Seeking to dispel rumors that he is considering a campaign for lieutenant governor in 2013, Krupicka said a number of times his Senate campaign would be his "last big campaign for a very long time." When asked directly if that meant he won't be running for the statewide position after the speech, Krupicka acknowledged that he would not be running for lieutenant governor in 2013. Many supporters were shell-shocked by Ebbin's upset victory in a race that many people considered Krupicka's to lose.

"It's hard to pin it on any one thing," said former City Councilman Justin Wilson, whose loss in the 2009 election was also shocking to many Democrats. "You can go crazy if you try to figure out why you won or why you lost. People vote for and against candidates for any number of reasons."

**GARVEY SUPPORTERS** gathered to watch precinct returns at the campaign's Upper King Street headquarters, which they dubbed "Libbyland." They knew they had an uphill battle but were trying to capitalize on a strategy that relied on Arlington and Fairfax counties, where the Arlington School Board member could count on support from Ticer and Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland. Even then, it was clear they needed to have some support in Alexandria.

"We're below where we need to be in Alexandria," campaign manager Max Glass declared at 7:30 p.m. "We've got to keep this from getting out of hand."

Garvey won her home precinct in Fairlington handily, posting what Glass described as record turnout. But when all the votes were in, she was able to secure only two more of the 13 Arlington precincts in the district — leaving her home turf in Ebbin's hands. And Garvey took only three of the 22 precincts in Fairfax County. That left her about 3,000 votes, a third-place finish with 25 percent of the vote. Garvey conceded the race shortly before 9 p.m.

"I will always be honored to have had the support of Senator Ticer and Supervisor Hyland," said Garvey on her way to the Rock-It-Grill to commiserate with volunteers and staffers. "The voters we identified turnout out, but that was clearly not enough."

**TEAM ORANGE** started the campaign

with a burst of momentum and big-name endorsements, including Mayor Bill Euille, Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11). Krupicka also raised more money than his rivals, putting together a war chest of more than \$233,000, about \$40,000 more than Ebbin. That was enough to get within striking distance, but not enough to win the nomination. In the end, Ebbin received about 330 more votes than Krupicka, beating him 39 percent to 36 percent.

"We did everything we wanted to do," said Carter Batey, who managed Krupicka's campaign. "I can't say nice enough things about Adam's campaign and Adam himself."

Many voters were watching the precinct returns to see if specific issues had any resonance at the polls. One issue that drove much of the discussion, for example, was the traffic gridlock that will be created by the Washington Headquarters Service as part of the Base Realignment and Closure process at Mark Center — a site that was endorsed during Krupicka's time on the City Council. Ebbin took West End precinct NOVA Arts Center. Yet on another issue, the controversial waterfront small-area plan, the results weren't as decisive. Garvey and Ebbin came out against the plan in an effort to build support in Old Town, but Krupicka won the City Hall precinct while Ebbin took Lyles Crouch.

"I'm not sure that coming out against the waterfront plan helped Ebbin much," said Old Town resident Hazel Rigby, an Ebbin supporter. "And I'm not sure that people outside of Old Town care about the issue that much."

**EBBIN'S VICTORY PARTY** at Los Tios Grill in Del Ray was a raucous party, with supporters overjoyed that they had beaten the odds. Although Krupicka took 48 percent of the vote in Alexandria, Ebbin won a majority in Arlington and Fairfax County. And he was able to muscle in on areas many considered Krupicka territory, including the Mount Vernon Recreation Center in Del Ray. In the end, Ebbin was able to win all of the precincts he currently represents in the 49th House District and four of the 16 precincts in Alexandria.

"Our strategy was to talk to voters about what they wanted to talk about rather than what Adam wanted to talk about," said Kirk McPike, who managed Ebbin's successful campaign. "We stuck to the fundamentals and timed our messaging to when we knew it would have the most impact."

People started arriving at Los Tios around 7 p.m., and the excitement continued to build into the night. Krupicka called to concede shortly before 9 p.m., and Ebbin arrived to triumphant chants "Adam! Adam! Adam!" Supporters were overjoyed that they had accomplished what many said was impossible.

"You believed in me when I wouldn't have believed in myself," Ebbin said in his victory speech. "Today, even an earthquake couldn't stop us."

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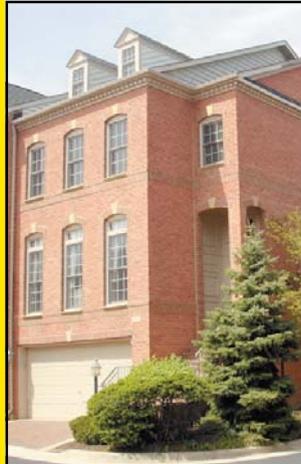
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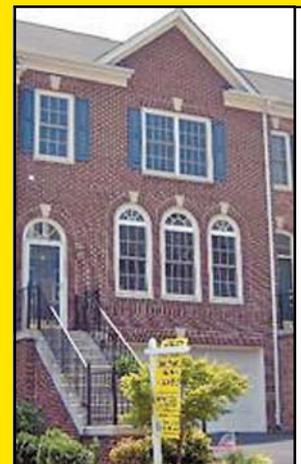
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